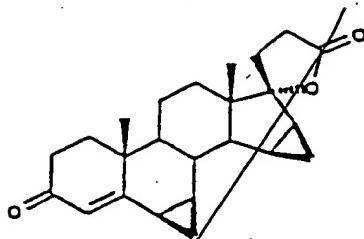
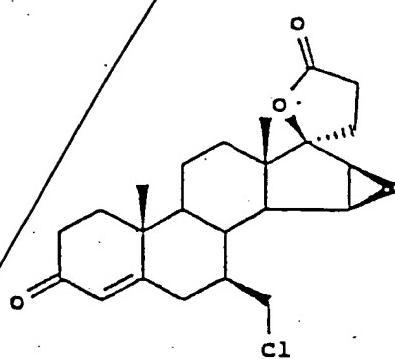


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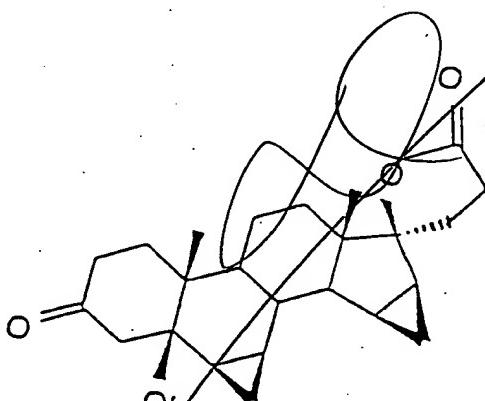


Please add new claims 8-9 as follows. Please note that since claims 8-9 are newly added, a new marked-up version is not necessary.

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8. $6\beta, 7\beta, 15\beta, 16\beta$ -dimethylene-3-oxo- 17α -pregn-4-ene-21, 17-carbolactone of claim ⁴, made by a process comprising dehydrating a compound of Formula III,

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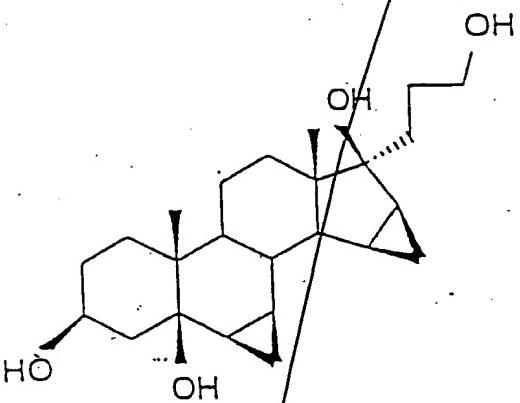
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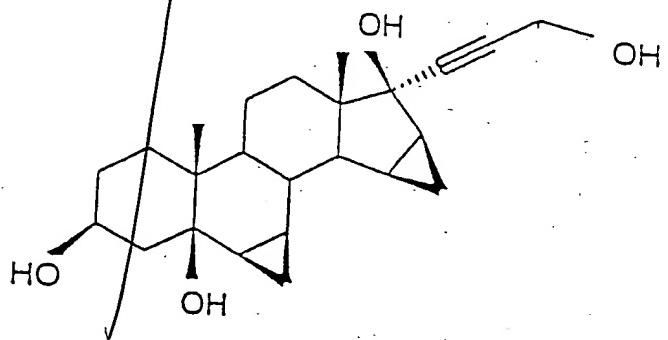
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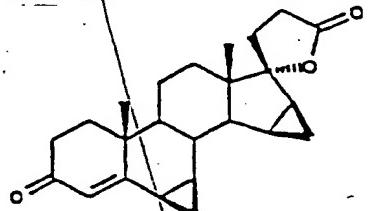
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which was made by catalytically hydrogenating a compound of Formula I



9. A composition comprising 6 β , 7 β ; 15 β , 16 β -dimethylene-3-oxo-17 α -pregn-4-ene-21, 17-carbolactone of claim 4, a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and less than 0.2% by weight of said compound of the contaminants

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